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Historic Bighorn Station Site Restoration

Need

The Big Horn Station is a familiar sight to those who travel Interstate Highway 8 between Casa Grande and Gila Bend, Arizona, and is located within the Sonoran Desert National Monument. The property has been abandoned since the interstate was completed. Since abandonment, the building condition has been continually declining due to factors which include vandalism and weather. This project will repair and reconstruct elements of the structure and include adobe, stone, and masonry units, and other building components. Interior finish components including flooring will also be repaired. Site hazards will be addressed; fencing and barriers will be installed across openings to hazardous areas and warning signs will be installed at public access locations. Interpretive signs will be developed so that the public can learn the history. The initial construction schedule estimate begins September 2010 and ends February 2011. Site access will be restricted during construction.

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Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM-Arizona Recovery and Reinvestments Act (ARRA) project will be released after the contract has been awarded. This project will be completed with one construction contract.

Benefits

This site provides interpretive benefit regarding the development and interdependence of ranching, commerce, and transportation in Arizona from the late 1920's through the late 1950's when the property was last operated. Maintaining the historic theme of the site is a priority for maintenance and construction activities. Every effort will be made to install barriers and signs in a way that does not detract from the important historic and aesthetic qualities of the site.



More Information

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